

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Prince Lot Hula Festival has been held each year in the beautiful setting of Moanalua Gardens and is the oldest and largest non-competitive hula celebration in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the festival is named after Prince Lot Kapuāiwa who later reigned as Kamehameha V, and it honors his legacy of reviving the hula in the *ahupua* 'a of Moanalua; and

**WHEREAS**, the event is presented by the Moanalua Gardens Foundation with support from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, local businesses and other organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince Lot Hula Festival, now in its 34<sup>th</sup> year, attracts up to 10,000 people, making it the largest outdoor non-competitive hula celebration in Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, the unique setting of this historic park distinguishes the Prince Lot Hula Festival as the only hula event on O'ahu held in a natural outdoor location and provides  $h\bar{a}lau$  hula an opportunity to perform on an authentic  $pa\ hula$ ; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme this year is "Ho'omālamalama, E Ala Mai. Enlighten, Rise!" and it signifies the importance of Kamananui (Moanalua) Valley as a revered *wahi pana* (sacred place) where people gathered to learn and practice the *oli* (chants) of ancient times,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETER B. CARLISLE,** Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim July 16, 2011, to be

## PRINCE LOT HULA FESTIVAL DAY

in recognition of its significant contributions to promoting Hawaiian culture through an enjoyable showcase of hula and enriching demonstrations of traditional arts.



Done this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

PETER B. CARLISLE